



STUDY ABROAD in GREECE with the Odyssey Program

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Join us for a 4-week Odyssey in Greece! This is an LMU faculty led program that begins in Athens where students visit the magnificent Acropolis as well as various museums and art spaces around the city. A walking tour of the city provides students with a feel for Athens as a modern European metropolis. The group continues their exploration with a week-long trip all around Greece for visits to significant sites: Olympia, Delphi, Nafplio, Sparta, Mystras, and Meteora are some of the places we visit. The remaining 3 weeks of the academic program resides in the scenic island of Spetses, famous for its history, distinctive architecture, and beautiful beaches. Students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Greek life and culture while exploring Spetses and the nearby island of Hydra.

COURSES OFFERED

ANCIENT LANDSCAPES | MODERN VOICES: MODERN GREEK HISTORY, SOCIETY & CULTURE

From the modern metropolis of Athens to the ancient paths of Delphi and Olympia and the island of Spetses, the mythical landscapes that visitors call in on their trips to Greece become our classroom. The relationship between myth and history, the reconciliation of conflicting cultural identities, war and foreign occupation, civil strife, contemporary politics, the peaceful invasion of tourism, globalization, the changing geopolitical map of Europe, and the present challenges Greece and the European Union face are some of the topics we study.

GREEK PHILOSOPHY: THE GOOD LIFE

For ancient Greek philosophers, philosophy was more than the attempt to rationally apprehend reality. It was also an inquiry into how to live well, a basis for understanding the good life for human beings, and the practice of living wisely. Through lectures, discussions, engaged learning activities, and visits to historically significant sites, students will encounter key elements of Greek moral philosophy and be guided to form their own reflective views of the good life.

“The Odyssey program was an amazing experience. I had the opportunity to experience Greek culture in a way that would never have been possible on my own. I now have 19 more friends that I cannot wait to hang out with back at LMU. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity I will remember forever. I cannot wait to return to Greece and see more of this amazing country.”

Cameron Walbridge, Marketing

“The Odyssey program is fostered to introduce us to a new culture and open our eyes to the vastness of the world around us. During this trip, I have made friendships and memories to last a lifetime. I tried new foods, went ATVing, swam in the clearest water, saw ruins from the cradle of Western civilization, and was exposed to the kindness and welcoming nature of the Greek people.”

Kiri Schawalter, Gender Studies

“My summer trip to Greece was certainly the most eye-opening experience I've ever had. The memories I made of new places, and of a new culture will stay with me for a long, long while. My education about Greek history, heritage, literature, mythology, and culture actually allowed me to gain more knowledge about myself, the world, and how to embark on each journey with open eyes and an open heart.”

Alexa Gagster, Screenwriting

“This trip was one of the best experiences of my life. I felt like I experienced Greece and its sites thoroughly and I have such a better understanding of Greece, its culture, and its history. I will remember it forever. It was a truly life-changing experience.”

Sami Leung, Psychology